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Bethel's School Problems First In Pre-Town Meeting Comment

Since the report of the Bethel School Survey Committee was placed in the hands of the townspeople last week a growing interest in the local school problems is becoming evident. It is believed that this report will be of interest to others, especially former Bethel people who keep in touch with their home town through the Citizen. For this reason much of the text and statistics of the report will be printed in this and succeeding issues of the Citizen.

It must be remembered by the citizens of Bethel that the decision on the school construction question rests with them. The report summarizes present facts and includes figures showing expected registration during the next few years. The recommendations of the survey committee are based on these facts and figures which are all in the hands of the voters.

Report of the School Survey Committee

Committee members, appointed by Selectmen in accordance with vote taken at the town meeting in March, 1949: Elmer Bennett, chairman; Kimball Ames; Guy Barlett; Carl Brown, Phillip Chadbourne; Robert Hastings; June Greig; Jane Kneeland; Arthur Herdick; Evans Wilson; Burton Newton; Earl Davis; Stanley Brown; Olive Reid; Richard Davis. Donald Christie, Secretary.

For several years the citizens of Bethel have recognized the problem of overcrowding that exists in their elementary schools. Realizing that with the greatly increased birth rate, this problem would be more acute in the future, the School Committee in 1948 asked a group of citizens to study with them the condition of the schools. The findings of this committee, particularly the results of a pre-school child survey, indicated what was already suspected in regard to the numbers of children to be entering the schools in the next few years. With this knowledge the citizens of Bethel at their 1949 annual meeting voted to have the selectmen appoint an official school survey committee with the authority to make a complete study of the schools, to make recommendations and report at the next annual town meeting.

The selectmen appointed 15 citizens to serve on this committee. At the organization meeting May 2nd, Elmer Bennett was elected chairman. Regular monthly and three special meetings have been held with an average attendance of nine members.

Many guests have been present at the meetings and have joined in the discussion. Edward L. Montague, Director of Schooling in Unorganized Territories, State Department of Education, was present at the July meeting. The October meeting was held jointly with the Parent Teachers Association and a brief report of the work of the Committee to date was made.

Committee members visited the school buildings in Bethel and rated them as to degree of fitness. Members of the committee also visited some recently completed elementary buildings in other towns that they might have some idea of their structure and costs. The members of the committee are all citizens who recognize the value of good schools in a community, and are appreciative of the complexities of the school problems confronting our communities today. They are proud of Bethel and want the best in education for their children that is within the financial ability of the town.

This report is presented to the citizens of Bethel that they may study it carefully and be prepared to render their best judgment in the interest of their children and of their community.

Questions and Answers

1. Q. What is the function of the Committee?
A. To study the needs of our schools and to recommend what should be done for the best education of our children.

2. Q. Why was the Committee appointed last year?
A. Because it was alarmingly evident that our school facilities were fast becoming inadequate to give our children and teachers a fair chance.

3. Q. Why are the schools inadequate?
A. Because the child population

has increased, and a census shows it will increase beyond the capacity of the rooms and the efficiency of the teachers.

4. Q. What is considered most satisfactory?

A. Authorities agree that crowding more than 25 pupils per teacher into a room results in poor teaching because of insufficient attention to each pupil.

5. Q. Has this insufficiency been shown in our schools?

A. Yes, we have classes of nearly 60 pupils per teacher with results proven by various tests that pupils are more poorly prepared for succeeding classes than they should be and than their teachers want them to be.

6. Q. Has this overcrowding come about because of out of town children?

A. Not to an appreciable extent, because even without any of them, for they are spread over all grades, most rooms would still be overcrowded.

7. Q. Why do we have these outside children?

A. Because: 1. We can give them much better facilities than outlying scattered small buildings and more economically. 2. The State places them here from unorganized towns and pays tuition established by law. Others we take at tuition arranged to cover their cost, which could include proportionate share of any new building.

8. Q. In spite of adding to our numbers, do we benefit from them?

A. Yes, the tuition derived, besides paying for their own supplies, helps out our overhead, which we would otherwise have to make up ourselves. Their parents make this town their trading and social center, all of which benefits the town.

9. Q. Would the use of each vacant room at West and East Bethel relieve the situation?

A. Only to a small extent. The grades in town would still be too overcrowded. There would be the expense of proper conditioning and in another year or two we would still be facing the same problem.

10. Q. Would the present out of town buildings still be used?

A. Yes. They would be used for grades sub-primary through grade three.

11. Q. Just how much room must we have by fall?

A. At least four more class rooms in addition to all existing facilities.

12. Q. What is the solution?

A. The ideal to be ultimately achieved is a new ten room building with a combination auditorium-gymnasium. Since this would cost around \$175,000 it is a long range project. The Committee recommends a new ten room building adequate for present needs, but capable of expansion and of connection with an auditorium. This is estimated to cost \$100,000 for the building plus \$15,000 for the furnishing and equipment, and \$5,000 for the site, grading and landscaping. These estimates are based on figures furnished by the cooperation of Donald Morrill of West Bethel through the courtesy of architects and engineers at the New York State Agricultural and Technical Institute in Delhi, N. Y.

13. Q. How would this be paid for?

A. The Committee has received an offer from Gould Academy to purchase the Grammar School property for \$20,000, the money to be used toward the construction of a new four-room school building adequate for our present needs, and to be used in answer to question 12. The Committee recommends that the Town accept this offer and that in addition it raise \$80,000 to complete the building. A bond issue to cover this, amortized in 15 years, would not exhaust the debt limit and would add only about four mills to the tax rate. This, or other methods, would be at the discretion of the selectmen and treasurer.

14. Q. Where would it be built?

A. The committee recommends the property known as the "Crested Grounds" on Paradise Hill, about 15 acres. It is believed possible to acquire it with a street up from Mason St.

15. Q. What type of building?

A. The Committee recommends one story fireproof, gable roof, composed of shingles, cinder block with brick veneer, on concrete slab cellar for heating plant only.

16. Q. How would it be built?

A. A building committee should



James Christie Appointed County 4-H Club Agent

James H. Christie, Jr., of Newport has been appointed 4-H club agent in Oxford County for the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Maine. George E. Lord, assistant director of the Extension Service, announces that Christie will begin his new duties Monday, with headquarters in the Extension Service office, South Paris.

Christie, who attended the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine, received his bachelor of science degree in agriculture at Orono Friday night. He succeeds Robert S. MacLauchlan, who recently resigned.

Born in Portland and raised on a farm in Newport, the new Oxford county club agent is married and the father of two children. He is a veteran of three years in the United States Army Infantry. During his 18 months overseas Christie was sergeant in charge of a 10-man crew on a 105-millimeter howitzer gun.

A graduate of Newport high school, Christie took part in athletics and debating there, as well as serving as class president for two years. At the University of Maine, he was active on the freshman track team and in the Agricultural Club. He won a A & P scholarship for scholastic excellence in 1949 and was a Dean's list student. He majored in agricultural economics and farm management.

Christie has worked as a salesman for the International Harvester Company in Newport two summers, as an enumerator for the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station in Orono, and as a part-time supervisor for the Veterans Administration on-the-farm training program in the Newport area.

VALENTINE SUPPER ON GUILD GENTLEMEN'S NIGHT

The Guild observed Gentlemen's Night Wednesday evening by serving a Valentine supper to about 40 members and guests. Following the supper group singing was enjoyed, after which Donald Christie gave a talk on the School Survey. A period of questions and discussion followed.

be appointed by the selectmen with full authority, using local labor and materials as far as possible.

17. Q. How long would it take?

A. If voted at Town Meeting it should be finished enough by fall to accommodate several grades, and if necessary would be completed in the Grammar School and the new rooms were completed.

18. Q. Is Gould Academy interested beyond the acquisition of the Grammar School property?

A. Yes. It is very definitely concerned as our Town High School in improving the educational achievement of students entering from the grade school. They as well as we, realize from experience, tests and statistics that this can best be done by decreasing the size of classes in the grades, all of which means more classrooms.

19. Q. What has been the central idea in all our activities?

A. "What is Best for Our Children"

20. Q. How can parents bring this to pass?

A. By voting at Town Meeting Monday, March 6, 1950.

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ELMER DEAN Main Street

Western Maine Firemen To Meet Here Monday

The Western Maine Firemen's Association will hold its February meeting right here in Bethel next Monday evening.

Because of the usually large attendance at most of its meetings, the meeting will be held in Odeon Hall to be sure and accommodate everyone. Meeting time is 8 P. M.

The speakers for the February meetings will be Joseph A. P. Flynn of Augusta, head of Maine's Arson and Insurance Department, and Brig. Gen. Robert Millett Ret., of Sumner, Maine. Each of these men are fine speakers and have a special message for firemen.

ME. MICA SCOUT CAIRNIVAL HERE SATURDAY, FEB. 11

The Mt. Mica District Boy Scout Winter Carnival will be held in Bethel on Saturday, Feb. 11. The boys will meet at the ski tow at 9:45. The following events are scheduled: downhill, slalom, cross-country, ski dash and snowshoe race. Lunch will be served at noon at the Congregational Church.

ELEANOR GORDON GUILD

The Eleanor Gordon Guild held a regular meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Joyce Murphy with Mrs. Pauline Davis, co-hostess.

It was reported that material had been received to form an adult class. Mrs. Mary Angeline and Mrs. Virginia Keniston were appointed as a committee for this.

Mrs. Virginia Walker was appointed additional member on the sunshine committee. Games in observance of Valentine's were enjoyed. Prizes were won by Mary Keosike and Barbara Kneeland. Refreshments will be served by the hostesses.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Peggy Blake with Mrs. Natalie Wright co-hostess. Mrs. Mary Philbrick, entertainment chairman, and Mrs. Pauline Davis will have devotions.

GIRL SCOUTS' CARD PARTY SERIES ENDED

The Girl Scouts' series of card parties was concluded last Friday night at the Legion Home with high score for bridge for the series being won by Mrs. Charles Gordon. Mrs. Wallace Gordon was second and Mrs. Clayton Bennett, high for what was won by Miss Mildred Bartlett.

Prizes for Friday's party were as follows: Bridge, Mrs. Elmer Bennett, low, Mrs. Clayton Bennett, high, Mrs. Helen I. Bartlett, low, Mrs. Donald Christie, high, Francis Noyes, Jean Bennett was the Girl Scout acting.

The Scouts appreciate the assistance of the Legion Auxiliary in donating the use of the rooms and food, the help of the merchants who donated the prizes and the use of the card tables from the Community Room.

A telephone bridge is being planned, sponsored by the Scouts, the date to be announced later.

SOUTH PARIS HERE FRIDAY

South Paris' surprising quarter will meet Gould in a return game this Friday. The J. V. teams are scheduled to square off at 7 p. m. in their first meeting of the season.

The Cardinals were the first to score with a victory at Farmington Tuesday.

Next Tuesday the State team from Farmington (Crested Grounds) will play the Field House for a doubleheader with the J.V. opening at 7 p. m.

The Champs took Gould to a doubleheader and the Hawks will again be battling to even the count. Victory's big job will be to stop their powerful charged center, Brinkman, around whom the team is built.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEARS SCHOOL DISCUSSION

The Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday evening, for a supper and meeting at the American Legion Rooms. In the absence of the president, John H. Carter, Charles Merrill presided at the business meeting. There was a discussion on street signs.

It was voted to have the secretary see about having an article in the town meeting warrant for money to be expended on publicity. It was also voted to change the regular March meeting to March 1, so that the town meeting warrant could be discussed at that time.

Following the business session there was a discussion of the report of the School Survey Committee led by Chairman Elmer Bennett and Superintendent Don Christie. It was voted to go on record as in favor of constructing a new school building.

The ticket committee for the March meeting will be Robert Blake, Syll LeClair and Elmer Bennett. Syll LeClair and Kimball Ames will have charge of the program.

Rebekahs Honor Noble

Grand On Birthday

Sunset Rebekah Lodge met Monday night for a regular meeting. It was voted to accept an invitation to the reception of Mrs. Flora Richardson, Assembly Musician, to be given at Norway, Feb. 8.

The Inside Guardian, Cora Bennett, and Color Bearer, Fern Jordan, were installed by Norma Jordan, D. D. P.

The date for District Meeting, which is to be held with Sunset Rebekah Lodge, is May 1.

A card party will be held at the home of Mrs. Fern Jordan on Feb. 21.

Following the meeting a rehearsal of degree work was held, after which the group went to "Nebury," where a surprise birthday party was held for Bertha Mills, N. G.

Two birthday cakes were presented her, also a Lodge Ring. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

Those present were: Norma Jordan, Irene Hutchinson, Ruth Dorr, Maxine Brown, Hilda Dana, Ella Cole, Iva Hutchinson, Pearl Gordon, Katherine Bennett, Cora Bennett, Mabel Hunt, Eugene Hackett, Adelaide Lester, Ruth Brown, Fern Jordan, Betty Brown, Ruby Briggs, Mary Paine and the guest of honor, Bertha Mills.

MRS. BOYKER ENTERTAINS LADIES CLUB

Mrs. Gertrude Boyker entertained the Ladies Club at Bethel on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 9, with Mrs. Fred Gordon as co-hostess. Although a very cold day 14 members and one guest, Mrs. Mary Todd, were present.

Mrs. Edith Wilton, aged 87, 64th member of the club had charge of the devotions. She read in a very clear voice from the German in the Mount.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Walter Thander presided at a short business meeting after which the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Fred Gordon, program chair.

Musical games and twenty question games were enjoyed. Prizes being won by Mrs. Jane Van Den Kerckhoven, Mrs. Louisa T. Vander, Mrs. Hattie Merrill and Mrs. Ruby Briggs.

SKI CLUB NEWS

Sunday, Feb. 6, was the most successful day the Bethel ski club had to date with 116 tow takers being a record. As well as the usual tow takers there were several from Farmington, Gorham, Portland, and Augusta. Snow conditions were generally good although some were disappointing due to early melt.

Mrs. Mary reports that there is some misunderstanding regarding Saturday morning procedure. Children up to 12 years old are allowed free use of the tow each Saturday morning and of course those who help tramp the hill after storms are given a free ticket.

Those who have been at the hill either of the last two Sundays have heard the recordings played thru Mosh McMillin's amplifier. The Ski Club wishes to thank "Mosh" for this additional feature.

The tow will be operated Tuesday and Thursday nights next week, weather permitting.

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WILTON 137: Masterman f 8 3 10 Collins f 1 0 2 Welch f 0 0 0 Wagner c 0 0 0 Cameron g 2 0 2 Young g 1 0 2 Housa g 5 0 10

Gould 5 17 33 47 Wilton 6 10 27 37 Referee: Washburn Wallace

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GOULD AGAIN WINNER IN TWO HOME GAMES

GOULD 48—LIV. FALLS 40

Both the J.V.s and Varsity came through with victories over the Andies of Livermore Falls here Tuesday. The "Husky" varsity stepped into a first period lead and held the upper hand throughout the contest. "Hoby" had his best scoring night as he sank seven baskets, with four of them coming in the third period. Hamilton with six baskets and two free tosses also made 14 points. Agnese, Smith, and Kendall helped out in the scoring with six, eight, and four points, respectively.

For the Livermore Club, Lapointe was outstanding with 17 points. Poisson and Richard also played well for the losers.

The Gould J.V.s put on their best scoring spree of the year as they sank the visitors 50-25. It was quite a surprise after their sensational 36-35 win at Livermore. High man for the winners was Durham with 21 points, followed by Murphy with ten. Foster was high for the Livermore J.V.s with seven points.

Gould (48)

Mason f 1 0 2 Boyd f 0 0 0 Agnese f 3 0 0 Hamilton f 6 2 14 Smith g 2 4 8 Kendall g 2 0 4

Livermore Falls (40)

Lapointe f 7 3 17 Parker f 0 0 0 Kinch f 1 0 2 Poisson c 2 4 8 Richard g 2 4 8 Foster g 0 0 0 Dube g 2 1 5

Gould 8 21 36 48 Livermore 5 10 20 40 Officials: Brimgeon, Arnold.

Gould J.V.s (50)

Durham 10 1 21 Hillman 1 0 2 Murphy 4 2 10 Emery 0 0 0 Jordan 2 0 4 Douglas 2 0 4 Bean 2 0 4 Baker 0 0 0 Hastings 0 0 0 Taylor 1 0 2 Brown 1 1 3

Livermore J.V.s (25)

Foster 3 1 7 Butterace 2 1 5 Kelly 1 2 4 G. Richard 0 0 0 Simpson 1 1 2 Leach 0 0 0 H. Richard 0 0 0 Foster 2 1 5 Bean 0 1 1

Gould J.V.s 8 19 30 50 Livermore J.V.s 10 12 13 25 Referee: Myers

GOULD 47—WILTON 37

In a closely contested game at Farmington last Friday night, Gould Academy came from behind to win over Wilton Academy 47-37. The Hawks took a 9-0 lead in the first period with Hamilton scoring seven of the nine points. Wilton came back strong in the second stanza and held a 19-17 edge at half time.

After playing a zone defense the "Blue and Gold" went into a man to man defense which proved a ton for a time and the Hawks managed a lead which they gave up although at one time it was a 20-21 advantage. Hamilton was the game's high scorer with 25 points followed by Masterman of the team with 19 points. Gould managed nine out of sixteen free throws to only three out of thirteen for the Eagles.

In the first game of the doubleheader Farmington easily defeated Bethel 44-20. Referee: Brimgeon who was not to win a conference victory.

Gould (47)

Mason f 4 0 4 Bennett f 0 0 0 Hamilton f 9 0 21 Agnese f 0 0 0 Lewis c 2 0 9 Smith g 2 0 4 W. Bennett g 0 0 0 Kendall g 1 0 2 Ford g 0 0 0

Wilton (37)

Masterman f 8 3 10 Collins f 1 0 2 Welch f 0 0 0 Wagner c 0 0 0 Cameron g 2 0 2 Young g 1 0 2 Housa g 5 0 10

Gould 5 17 33 47 Wilton 6 10 27 37 Referee: Washburn Wallace

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SOUTH BETHEL

Beatrice Stevens, Janet Mason, Eleanor Mason and Shirley Mason attended the Youth for Christ rally at Norway, Saturday evening.

Mr and Mrs Robert Gordon and children, Neeta and Duane, were week end guests of Arthur Gordon and Mr and Mrs Waldo White of Mt Vernon.

Someone took the liberty of removing a set of tire chains from the back of Edward Libby's car while the car was parked in Ernest Brooks' dooryard, recently.

Francis Brooks has been called back to work at Chadbourne's mill.

Mrs Lawrence Sessions is in the CMG Hospital at Lewiston and is expected home in a few days.

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Bernice Noyes, Correspondent

Lendall Nevens returned to the University of Maine Sunday, after spending several days at home.

Mrs Marian Coolidge returned to her teaching duties at West Bethel, Monday. She is getting about on crutches.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Fred Haines were Mr and Mrs Burton Abbott and George Haines.

Jean Burns of Norway came Thursday to spend some time with her grandparents, Mr and Mrs S B Newton, while her father, Granville Burns, is in the hospital at Togus for surgery.

Mr and Mrs Olva Whitman of South Paris were week end guests of her parents, Mr and Mrs Carroll Curtis. Miss Dawnlyn Whitman returned to her home in South Paris after spending a week with her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Carroll Curtis.

Alder River Grange at their regular meeting Friday night voted

to send their lecturer, Mrs Floribel Haines, to the State Lecturers' Conference at Augusta, Feb. 16 and 17.

Mr and Mrs Kendric Scribner of Locke Mills were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr and Mrs Carroll Curtis.

Mrs Kendric Scribner has completed her duties at the Casco Bank & Trust Co. at Bethel, and Miss Clare Tyler has taken her place.

Miss Virginia Hastings returned to Bates College Sunday after spending a week at home.

Mr and Mrs Edgar Dunham and children and Mrs Mary Coolidge of Locke Mills were Sunday guests at Almon Coolidge's.

William Hastings came home Friday from the North Conway, N. H., hospital, where he had been a surgical patient.

WEST GREENWOOD

Mrs. Paul Croteau, Correspondent

Mr and Mrs Elmer Bean, and Mrs Alden Wilson took the latter's son, Stanley, to Portland for observation recently.

Henry Labrecque of Berlin, N. H., was a caller at Alden Wilson's, recently.

Stanley Wilson has returned to school.

Solon Croteau went to Lewiston for glasses, Monday.

Mr and Mrs Robert Deegan and son, Edward, were guests of Mr and Mrs George Davis at West Paris Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Alden Wilson were in Rumford one day last week.

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UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Correspondent

Ban, Malcolm and Lee Barnett, Mrs George Wight and the Misses Ruby Enman and Sandra Browne attended the wedding of Miss Annie Barnett at Rumford Saturday evening last week, returning Sunday.

Mrs Bertha L. Judkins visited her sister, Flora Cummings, in Norway on January 27.

Mrs Fred S. Judkins and children visited her mother, Mrs Lester Hathaway, and family in Bryant Pond recently.

The PTA held a card party at the home of C. A. Judkins Saturday evening of last week.

Alan and Leslie Fuller were home Sunday.

Jim Barnett has gone to Hampton Beach, N. H., with his daughter, Mrs Edgar Worster.

NORTH NEWRY

Mrs. L. E. Wight, Correspondent

Francis H. Vall of Auburn was in town calling on relatives the last of the week.

Carrie M. Wight is spending the week in Augusta, the guest of Mrs Helen Packard.

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West Bethel

Bear River Grange will sponsor a public card party and pie social at the Grange Hall, Newry Corner, Saturday night Feb. 11.

Mr and Mrs Seymour McAllister of Bryant Pond spent the week end at their camp in Newry.

Mr and Mrs Herbert H. Morton, Albert Morton and Francis Vall, Jr., went to Laconia, N. H., Thursday of last week to visit Mrs Morton's brother, Elmer Brooks, and family.

Mr and Mrs Albert Smith of Bethel were Saturday evening guests of Mr and Mrs Roy Tripp.

Roscoe Lane has gone to C. Pond to work in the woods. His son, Clement, is staying at the home of Mr and Mrs Mervin Rowland and attending school here.

Fred W. Wight has been ill with a bad cold for several days.

Bear River Grange will hold its regular meeting Saturday night, Feb. 18. The first and second degrees will be conferred.



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NORTH WOODSTOCK

Mrs. C. James Knights, Correspondent

Mr and Mrs George Abbott were recent callers of the Foster family at East Bethel.

Ellen Ellis visited Sunday with the Cole family at Greenwood Center.

Mrs Myra Hemingway visited on Tuesday of last week with Mrs John Hemingway.

Herschel Abbott, one of the selectmen, was at the village several days recently working on Town books.

Mrs Myra Hemingway has gone to Norway to visit her son, Clyde, after spending several weeks with her daughter Mrs Arthur Whitman, and husband.

Mrs Herman Cole was at South Paris on business last Thursday.

Mrs Everett Cole went to Portland Monday night so as to attend the funeral of her foster mother,

Julia Baker, on Tuesday afternoon.

Several from this community attended Oxford Pomona, Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs Charles Howe were Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs Sherwood Buck.

Mr and Mrs John Hemingway were at Lewiston, recently.

Lorraine Cole is taking piano lessons from Mrs Herschel Abbott.

Mrs C. James Knights and family were at Rumford last Saturday afternoon.

Clyde Knights attended a square dance at West Sumner, Friday night. Saturday he was at West Peru. Ellen Ellis also went Saturday. They went with Mrs Otis Dudley.

Herschel Abbott was at New Haven, Conn., several days the first of the week on business.

Sherwood Buck has had a new furnace installed.

Edwin Ricker hurt his knee and has to have it in a cast.

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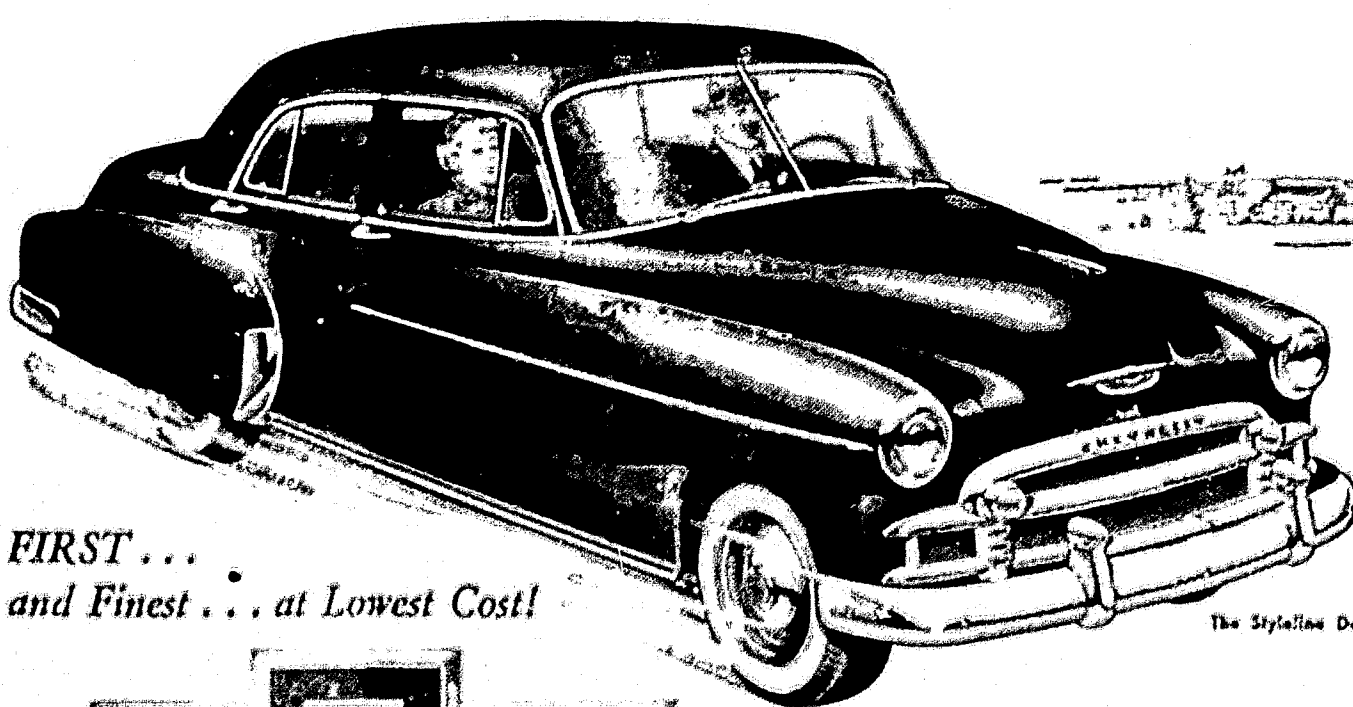
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LEAVE SHOES AT EARL DAVIS for repair. RICHIE'S SHOE SHOP, Gorham, N. H. 401.

GILEAD

Mrs. Florence Holden, Corres. - Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cole left Thursday for St. Augustine, Fla., where they will spend several weeks. The were accompanied by Mrs. Ruby Hunter of Shelburne, N. H.

Chester Wilson of Hanover, N. H., is guest of his sister, Mrs. Jeanne Annis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wight and Mrs. Harriette Fissette attended Pomona Grange at Bryant Pond, Tuesday.

Edward Holder returned home from the Rumford Community Hospital Friday evening after being treated for painful injuries received in a logging operation near Richardson Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Corriveau of West Paris are stopping with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Corriveau.

Mrs. Florence Holden and son, Clayton Bryant, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson of Shelburne, N. H., were in Rumford, Friday evening.

Mountain View Grange held its regular meeting Tuesday evening with worthy Master Annie in the chair and all officers were present. The first and second degrees were conferred on several candidates. Refreshments were served.

3-24-50

GREENWOOD CENTER

Sandra Martin, Corres. - Dr. Matheson was in this vicinity to see Ross Martin and Elmer Cole, Thursday.

Roy and Louis Martin were in Bethel Friday.

Harold Churchill was in Bethel, Tuesday.

Elmer Cole remains in very poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mills and family were at Ross Martin's, Sunday.

Henry Leach is now delivering groceries in Greenwood Center.

Always in the Market for

White Ash Logs

OF GOOD QUALITY

Write for price and specifications. TRUE TEMPER CORP.

St. Johnsbury, Vt.

BETHEL AND VICINITY

Dr. W. H. Boynton is at Boston for 10 days' study.

Perley Flint is attending the Sportsmen's Show at Boston.

Susan Saunders suffered a wrenched knee while skiing Sunday.

Mrs. Maude Rice is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Asa Bartlett.

Quentin Hall of Bates College spent a few days last week at his home here.

There will be a card party and pie social at Newry Grange Hall Saturday evening.

Mrs. Marie Swan spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sclaraffa at Rumford.

Freeland Clark has returned home after spending several weeks trapping at Wilson Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker of Portland spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hall.

Mrs. Ernest Gallant has been a surgical patient this week at the Rumford Community Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Howey of Cape Elizabeth were week end guests at the home of Perley Flint.

Mrs. H. I. Bean is a guest for two weeks of her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Bowden Jr. and family at Stowe, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hastings spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Chapman at Lynn, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sumner and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jodrey visited L. A. Sumner at the C. M. G. Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Ann Griggs, music teacher at Gould Academy, fractured her arm Sunday when she fell on the gym floor.

Miss Vera Dexter and Miss Marjorie Kruml of Woodwich were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dexter.

David Bennett, a student at Boston, spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamlin attended the funeral of Mrs. Roy Hamlin at Gorham, N. H., Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Beaulac of Berlin, N. H., were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Brien.

Terry and Jimmie Dyer were guests last week of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hamlin, at Winthrop.

Miss Katherine Toll, skiing editor of a Boston newspaper, was the guest Tuesday night of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Howe.

Ernest Scothorne has finished work at P. H. Chadbourne & Co. and is working for C. N. Brown Lumber Co. at Lovell.

About 25 attended the banquet and business meeting of the Republican town committee at Bethel Inn Wednesday evening.

Misses Marilyn Adams and Barbara Korman, students at Farmington State Teachers College spent the week end at their homes.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Lathrop were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lathrop, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Kugore and Daniel Stevens of Auburn.



Bishop Bernard J. Shell

Bishop Bernard J. Shell, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, has voiced his faith in the U.N. in these words: "Whether the United Nations is housed in Lake Success or in Manhattan, there is only one real home for the world organization, and that is in the hearts of men. For it is in the heart that love resides—the love that joins all people together into a band of brothers—the love that induces one man to judge another not on the basis of wealth, manner of worship or color, but according to his merit as a human being and a fellow creature of the same God. Only by renouncing hatred can we be true to the ideals of democracy and religion. Only by rejecting prejudice can we build a strong and permanent structure for the United Nations and an abiding peace for all mankind."

Mrs. Paul Thurston, chairman of the Christiana Tuberculosis Health State reports \$23.50 more has come in which brings the total to \$222.50 from the sale of seals.

The silver tea sponsored by the Women and Men's Club of the Eastern Star, will be held at the home of Mr. A. Van Den Kerkhof on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 15.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet for a regular meeting at the Legion Home Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Each member is asked to bring a gift for a luncheon.

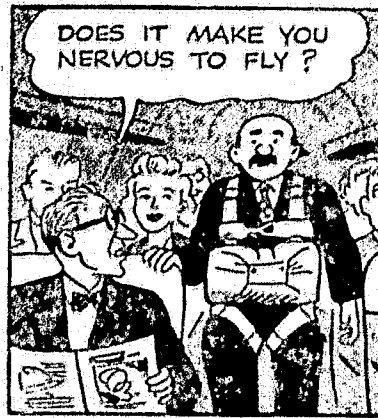
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Olive Hawthorn of South Portland spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt and attended the ski meet at Rumford.

Mrs. Paul Edwards, Mrs. Clayton Mills, Mrs. Chester Briggs, Mr. Walter Jodrey, Miss Beatrice Brown and Frank Flint attended the reception at Norway Wednesday evening for Mrs. Flora Richardson, Minister of the Bethel Assembly.

A family party was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Vernon Brown celebrating the birthday of Mrs. Mabel Clough. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Vernon Brown, daughter of Leonard Brown. Mrs. Edmore Clough, daughter of Mrs. Mabel Clough, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Clough, son of Mrs. Mabel Clough, were also present.

MAYOR McGUP

By John Jarvis



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NO, SIR. WHY DO YOU ASK?



I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHY YOU'RE WEARING THE PARACHUTE—



THE TOWN I LIVE IN DOESN'T HAVE AN AIRPORT!!

SUNDAY RIVER

Mrs. R. M. Fleet, Corres. - Mr. and Mrs. John Gilman have had a party of the skiers that were in the cross-country meet at Rumford.

Charles Frost visited R. L. Foster one day this week.

Patricia Scribner is helping at the John Gilmans.

Richard Gilman is much improved but will be out of school for a while yet.

George and Julie Reynolds have been home with the measles the past week.

Patricia Jackson was sick last Monday.

3-24-50

Dr. Franklin Egbert of the Maine Extension Service advised plowing under cow manure the fall before planting strawberries. Then, growers can substitute with nitrogen.

Plants are set.

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1950 HEART CAMPAIGN

FEB. 1. FEB. 28

New lot of Fibreglass

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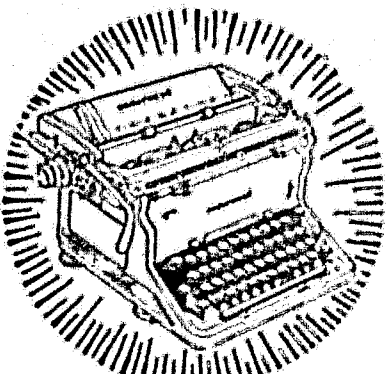
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R&W	COD TABLETS 1 lb. 47c
Evaporated MILK 3 cans 35c	Habitant
R&W	PEA SOUP No. 2 1/2 can 19c
PEANUT BUTTER 16 oz. 37c	Campbell
Skippy	TOMATO SOUP can 11c
Peanut Butter Chunk 15 oz. 41c	SPIC & SPAN 23c
Skippy	LAVA SOAP 2 for 17c
Peanut Butter Creamy 41c	SWIFTNING 1 lb. 28c
BISQUICK 40 oz. 47c	SWIFTNING 3 lbs. 73c
BISQUICK 20 oz. 25c	PREM 43c
Moenkist	Gerber's
TANGERINE Juice 46 oz. 33c	BABY FOODS Strained 439c
Moenkist	Robin Hood
Tangerine Juice No. 2 can 27c	FLOUR 25 lb. bag \$2.23
R&W Garden Run	MARSHMALLOW FLUFF 19c
SWEET PEAS No. 2 can 21c	Duff's
R&W	GINGERBREAD MIX 14c
TOMATO CATSUP 2 bots. 35c	Sunshine
Snow's	KRISPY CRACKERS 1b. 27c
CLAM CHOWDER can 27c	HERMITS 1 lb. cello bag 27c
Snow's	Edgewater
FISH CHOWDER can 27c	SALTINES 1b. 27c

The Third Time The Anti-Trust Lawyers Were Wrong!

Is it a crime to give people more good food for their money?

For 90 years A&P has devoted all its energies to this end.

For many months now the anti-trust lawyers from Washington have been giving stories to the newspapers, making speeches and talking over the radio about this company.

They have been making serious and damaging allegations about the methods that enable A&P to give its customers better food values.

We have already told you about other times the anti-trust lawyers made charges against us that were proved utterly false in court.

In the left-hand column on this page you can read what the federal judges had to say about those two cases.

Now we are going to tell you about the third time a federal judge decided against the anti-trust lawyers.

What Has Gone Before

Today's ad is the third in a series telling about times the anti-trust lawyers made serious and damaging charges against A&P that the courts decided were not true.

In the first ad in this series we told you about the time the anti-trust lawyers charged that A&P, and other good American citizens, conspired to fix the price of bread in Washington. These charges were false.

That was the time Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of "not guilty".

It was the time he said to the anti-trust lawyers:

"If you were to show this record to any experienced trial lawyer in the world, he would tell you that there was not any evidence at all."

"Honestly, I have never in my over forty years' experience seen tried a case that was as absolutely devoid of evidence as this. That is the honest truth. I have never seen one like it."

But that was not the only time the anti-trust lawyers made such serious "allegations" against A&P which were false.

In our second ad we told you about the time in Wilson, North Carolina, they charged A&P's fresh fruit and vegetable buying subsidiary, and other good American citizens, with conspiring to fix and depress prices paid farmers for potatoes in North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland.

Here again, as in the Washington bread case, the charges were false.

This was the time Federal Judge C. C. Wyche directed the jury to bring in a verdict of "not guilty".

It was the time he said to the anti-trust lawyers:

"I have studied this case from the very outset. In my opinion there is no testimony produced from which it can reasonably be inferred that the defendants entered into a combination to depress or lower the price of potatoes."

"I might say that I never tried a case in my life where a greater effort, more work, more investigation had been done, combing almost with a fine-tooth comb to gather evidence, as was done in this case."

"But, as was said a long time ago, you can't make brick without straw, and you can't make a case without facts."

So here were two cases in which the anti-trust lawyers made seriously damaging charges against A&P, in which the judge decided that there were no facts to support these charges.

Today, we want to tell you about the third time—this time in Dallas, Texas—the court decided against the anti-trust lawyers.

The Dallas Anti-Trust Suit

In 1942 the anti-trust lawyers went out to Dallas, Texas, 1,400 miles from the homes of most of the defendants, and instigated criminal charges against A&P.

About this case one thing was sure.

Their previous experience did not deter the anti-trust lawyers from making more inflammatory and damaging allegations, just as they had done before.

They made practically the same allegations they are making today.

Federal Judge W. H. Atwell ruled that the case should not even be tried. He said that the indictment contained inflammatory statements that he would not permit to be presented to a jury.

Judge Atwell said to the anti-trust lawyers:

"If I thought I was presiding over a court and that I might have to sentence some person because he was a great big fellow, or because he was a Lilliputian, I would feel like resigning. God knows we don't want it ever to occur in America that the size is going to determine whether a man is guilty or innocent."

Judge Atwell also said to the anti-trust lawyers:

"If the indictment is not good then it is better to find out before an expensive trial than it is after an expensive trial. I do not think it is good, and thinking that, it is my duty to sustain the demurrers and motion to quash."

In short, Federal Judge Atwell threw the anti-trust lawyers and their case right out of his court.

So that makes three times that the anti-trust lawyers made damaging allegations against A&P. In two of these cases federal judges said they were all wrong. In the third case a federal judge said that the indictment was inflammatory and he would not even permit the case to be tried.

The anti-trust lawyers were not satisfied with the Dallas decision.

Neither were they satisfied with the two other decisions in which federal courts administered stinging rebukes to them.

They were still determined to destroy A&P.

In our next ad we will tell you how they continued their campaign in this case in the Circuit Court of Appeals and subsequent proceedings.

We will show you how, once again, they disagreed with the courts.

Everything that has happened since this suit was filed proves that the American people don't want A&P destroyed.

A deluge of letters from people in all walks of life and thousands of editorials in newspapers and magazines convince us that the public has faith in A&P.

The housewives of this nation, whose patronage has made this company big, are buying from us in increasing numbers and increasing volume.

Our suppliers, whom the anti-trust lawyers allege we have exploited, are rushing to our support.

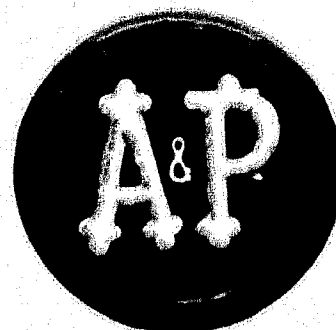
Labor leaders, mindful of the fact that A&P employees enjoy the best wages, hours and working conditions, are taking a stand against the suit.

Even many of our good competitors, who the anti-trust lawyers allege are hurt by our competition, have taken ads to tell the public that they don't like this attack on A&P.

All this indicates that the American people realize that the suit to destroy A&P is really a suit against efficiency, against low prices and against real competition.

Apparently most Americans do not want to let the anti-trust lawyers in Washington blow the whistle on any businessman who does a better and more efficient job and grows big in the process.

No one can make them believe it is a crime to try to sell the best quality food at the lowest possible price.



THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY

BRYANT

Mrs. Edith H. Kirk home for a party for the of Dimes, V. Feb. 7. What were played served.

The officers organized Frank were installed by Mrs. Olive and are Master Overseer Lecturer Steward Asst. Steward Chaplain Treasurer Secretary Pomona Flora Cere Gatekeeper Lady Asst. St.

Mrs. Beatrice assisted by L.

Mr. Benjamin Road, fell on her hip when box, Jan. 31. S. bulance to the tal, 335 Bright where she will weeks.

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